HENDRY, Colonel William Belfry

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given you an imperfect understanding on such a spur of the moment note.

If there is any suggestion you would care to offer in regard to the proposal or manner of carrying it out or if in any way you can assist in attaining the end by another procedure I would appreciate your views and opinion. You can write Webster in Toronto or myself at Ottawa. My address here will be

197 Carling Ave
C/o Major W.R. Green

Thanking you in advance
I am, Sir,
Yours sincerely
O.K. Gibson Lt. Col.
Deputy Director Dental Service

20.8.18

To:-

Sir R. Falconer
Pres. Toronto University

Dear Sir

Pardon me if I am addressing you incorrectly.

I have but a few moments having been warned for my sailing to Canada and regret not having seen you.

Briefly I think not a bacteriologist I realize the importance of bacteriological origin as Research overseas in the Dental Services

2. I have corresponded with A.E. Webster, Dean of R.C.D.S. and discussed the question with Gow and Campbell at Basingstoke but unfortunately

Missed Bill Hendry who, I understand favors my idea and is to write you.

3. Box, in Toronto, is the best man available to my knowledge; Campbell has worked with him; Gould & Hendry know him. Webster I think will let him come as far as R.C.D.S. is concerned and all of the above mentioned are agreeable to my proposition.

4. Proposition: that Toronto University authorize Box to work as a Canadian Army Dental Corps Officer in the Laboratory at Basingstoke, along the lines of Original Bacteriological Dental Research in conjunction with Campbell.

Further that if possible it would be preferable to have Toronto University and Milton A. Hamilton Ottawa to send Box over jointly to the end that for future reference both of the University and of the Dental Profession the records & result of such research would belong to them.

I had no idea of having to state in so many words my line of thought in this matter but had hoped to discuss it with you and get your opinion & advice as to method of procedure upon my arrival in Canada.

I have in all probability

No 4 Canadian General Hospital,
BASINGSTOKE, Hants.
September 2nd. 1918.

To,
Dr C.K.Clarke,
Toronto General Hospital.

Dear Dr Clarke:-

Your cablegram informing me that Mabee, Cleland, Baker, and Robinson are leaving, arrived yesterday, and I am glad to know that we are getting these men. They will arrive and have their training completed at the Depot just about the time we shall be ready to open our new Medical Building, which is at last nearing completion after many heartbreaking delays. When everything is ready in this building it will mean an additional bed capacity of about three hundred and fifty, which will be aproximately the limit to our expansion for the duration of the war.

At the present time we are fairly busy and have undertaken to look after a fairly large number of Fractured Femur Cases, of which we have now in hospital about one hundred and twenty of varying degrees of severity. These cases keep the surgeons working pretty steadily, while the physicians have not a great deal to do. Duncan Graham, in fact, as head of medicine, feels that he has been neglected in the matter of hospital admissions, as there have been scarcely any medical cases admitted during the past week. He is doing extremely well as head of medicine, and I can give you a most excellent report of the work done by Eric, and by Stanton Wishart. These boys are both doing well. Eric has had an attack or two of "Flu" which held him in bed for a day or two, but he is now quite fit again. Goldie and Campbell have just completed their depot training and should report for duty this week.

We were very pleased to have the president visit us for a couple of days on his arrival from Canada, and we are looking forward to having him with us again before he leaves for home. At present he is in France and is going to take a run to Italy before returning to England. He will have an opportunity of sizing up the Western front, which is seldom given to an ordinary citizen.

Regarding the finances of the hospital: I am being urged by Headquarters to do one of two things, either turn over our extra equipment to the C.A.M.C., at a fair valuation, or take over from the C.A.M.C., the total equipment supplied by the government, and run the hospital as a University affair purely and simply. I am not prepared to do either of these things, as the object of our fund was, not to establish a hospital, but simply to supplement the government equipment with such private additions as might improve the treatment and comfort of the patients.

I am to take this matter up with Headquarters this week, and expect to have a rather interesting time. I think however, that my position is a logical one, and one in which I feel sure I am following out the intention of the committee at home.

By the way I wish you would give power to Malloch and Goldie, to countersign cheques drawn on the University fund, with the "Bank of Commerce". At present only Graham is available, and if anything should happen to him we should be in a quandrary as to counter signatures.

With best wishes,
I am,
yours sincerely,

W B Hendry
Colonel.
O.C.No 4 Canadian General Hospital.

No 4 Canadian General Hospital,
BASINGSTOKE, Hants,
October 17th., 1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,
University Of Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir Robert:-

I have received a letter from the A.D.M.S., here, a copy of which I am enclosing, from which you will see that at last an adjustment has been made in connection with the equipment which we sold to the Imperial Authorities before leaving Salonica. It has taken considerable time to get this matter straightened up, but it looks now as if the whole thing is settled at last, and you will now have sufficient funds at your disposal for some time to come.

Regarding the proposal made to me by Lieut. Colonel Gibson, of the C.A.D.C., to establish a research Laboratory here, in connection with the Dental Service, I am of the opinion that it would be to our advantage to give Laboratory facilities to Dr Box, whom, it is their intention to send over from Canada to carry on this work. It will be conditional, however, on our having the work under the control of our Officer in charge of the Laboratory, and under the direct supervision of Colonel Gow, who is carrying on the Dental work. Such an arrangement would tend to increase the value of our Dental Service, and co-relate the work of the Dentists and Physicians.

As far as hospital work is concerned, we have an average of over fifteen hundred patients right along. We have not yet opened our new Medical Building, but that will be done in the course of the next week, and then we shall have reached, I think, our Maximum size for the duration of the war.

We have heard through the press of your safe arrival in Canada, and trust that you had a satisfactory ending to your trip overseas. We were all more than delighted that you were able to spend a little time with us, and we hope that you will be able to explain to our University friends at home, the conditions which are hard to understand at such a distance from the scene of activity.

With best regards to Lady Falconer and yourself.

I am,
yours sincerely,

Colonel.
O.C. No 4 Canadian General Hospital.

No.4 Canadian General Hospital,
BASINGSTOKE, Hants.
August 19th. 1918.

To,
Sir Robert Falconer,
Royal Societies Club,
St James Street, London.

Dear Mr President:-

The journal about which you were concerned arrived safely and Graham is consequently satisfied.

I have had some correspondence with Col. Gibson, D.D.D.S., who is anxious to have us establish here, a Research Laboratory in connection with the Dental work of the army. He has been in communication with Dr Webster at home, and would like to have Dr Box, who is now doing the Biological work at the Dental School sent over, to carry out this work in England. The Dental Corps is not prepared to finance the Laboratory, but I am of the opinion, and both Gow and Graham agree with me, that it would be a good thing to establish a Research Laboratory, in view of the probable formation of the Faculty of Dentistry at home. The conditions which we suggested to Col Gibson, and to which he agreed, were, that the Laboratory work should be in cooperation with, and under the ultimate supervision of our own Laboratory Director, and that the work done should be credited to the University. Further, that Dr Box, and a Laboratory assistant, provided with a typewriter, should be brought over by the C.A.D.C., and attached to this unit for special work. It seems that a great deal of good might be accomplished for Dentistry, in the matter of correlating the work of Dentistry and Medicine, which would be of advantage later on. Col. Gibson will probably see you in a few days and get your opinion on the matter before he leaves for Canada, and we can talk the matter over the next time you visit the hospital, which I hope will not be very far distant.

I can quite understand how busy you are with the amount of ground you have to cover in the short time at your disposal, but I hope you will soon be able to give us a day or two.

With best wishes,

I am,

yours sincerely,

Colonel.
O.C.No.4 Canadian General Hospital.

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February 7th, 1919

Colonel H. E. Hendry, C.M.G.,
O.C., No. 4 Canadian General Hospital (University of Toronto)
Basingstoke, England.

My dear Colonel Hendry:

Yesterday morning I was greatly pleased to have a visit from Colonel Gow who came in unexpectedly upon me, but at the same time I was chagrined to find from him that we left you so long without any communication. This has not been due to your having been out of our mind, because again and again we have talked about your home coming, and I have been wondering when we could get you all back.

At a meeting of the Universities held last month in Ottawa we urged upon the Government the return of all men so that they may be able to enter upon the regular work of the next session in September. The resolution runs as follows:

> "That the Government should be requested to take steps to have returned at the earliest possible moment all men whose university courses have been interrupted by enlistment, and all former teachers, instructors and professors for whose return application has been made."

I have spoken to General Fotheringham about the return of the unit and we will make formal application

immediately, because we need you back next year in order to carry on the work of the session. I hope therefore that not many months will go by before we see you home.

Goldie arrived on the "Baltic" in Halifax yesterday and should be here to-morrow or the next day. I see by the paper that Malloch was on the same steamer. With so many coming back you will find yourself pretty lonely I am afraid.

Chipman of Montreal who was here on Wednesday told me that practically all the McGill men have been returned so that their Hospital is really no longer a McGill unit. I rather think that we have from the beginning had a rather more distinctively university impress upon ours than they had upon theirs.

Returned men are pouring in upon us now, and they make it necessary for us to re-adjust our whole system to their needs. We are dealing with them individually, and trying to fit them into various classes so that they may waste as little time as possible. In medicine the problem is not so great, because the Militia Department had returned the men at the beginning of the year, but in Applied Science they have come in in great numbers and also in Arts , and we have had to start new sessions for them and will carry on the work for these returned men well into the summer in order to save their year for them if possible. In addition to that we are beginning preparatory classes for those who cannot go back to school and who had not quite finished matriculation before they left. It is quite a novelty for us to have this grade in the University, but I believe that we are doing a good work , and at

present there are something like forty enrolled. We shall not be very strict as to matriculation, but will deal with each case individually and will try to so train them so that they will enter upon the work of the year without much loss.

The University is beginning to resume its old life very rapidly. Activities of all kinds have sprung up, and by the time that you are home you will recognise the old place again.

One of our greatest problems is to know what kind of memorial we can put up for our men who served in the war. It is to be in two parts, an external memorial and scholarships, but so far we have not been able to decide what the external memorial should be. At present there is a suggestion that it should take the form of a tower with chimes, and the names inscribed at the base of the tower inside. Whether this will carry I cannot say.

Last week we were all saddened by the sudden death of Dr. Reeve, though when one gets accustomed to his absence it must be acknowledged that his sudden taking off was the best way for him to go. There are few men who have had a greater devotion to their university and who at the end of their careers stand more unblemished than Dr. Reeve.

Please remember me to your staff, and do not think that we have forgotten you even if we do not write very often. The pressure at present is so heavy that sometimes for days my letters lie unanswered.

Yours very truly,

President.

February 19th, 1919

Colonel W. S. Hendry, D.S.O. etc.

O.C., No.4 Canadian General Hospital (University of Toronto),

Basingstoke, England.

My dear Colonel Hendry:

The matter that is prominent in our minds this morning is that poor Malloch died yesterday morning. You will have heard of it before this. A kind-hearted, excellent man has gone. The last time I saw him was on the train as I was leaving Basingstoke, and it was an evidence of his kindness that because he missed us when I left the Hospital he came all the way to the station to say goodbye. I saw Mrs. Malloch yesterday and she is of course very lonely because she has no relatives here, though I think that kind friends are helping her out. So the world goes on and those of us who are left have to do our duty as best we may with tender memories of our Friends.

This morning we had a meeting of our Committee and appointed Major Lowry to take Goldie's place to sign for money along with you. Mr. MacMurchy is going to see that this is executed with the bank in the regular way.

We have also received through the Canadian Government a cheque for the British Government for $28,488.30 in payment for the material they bought from you in Salonica. This is a handsome sum. Probably you will need very little more money

besides what you already have, and the Committee considered this morning what disposal it might make of this money when the Hospital no longer needs to draw on the fund. We were of opinion that the best way would be to devote it to scholarships in the Faculty of Medicine in connection with the War Memorial Fund for the benefit of returned men or their near relations. We are hoping to raise a large amount and we think that it would be very fitting that this money should go in to swell the main fund. If you agree with this we will endeavour to notify subscribers and get their consent in some way. Our memorial is getting under way and I rather think that we shall soon have some proposal with regard both to the external memorial and to the scholarships that will, I hope, carry the Alumni.

About your return I have asked General Fotheringham to send the Hospital back early in the summer, but he writes to me that he would rather that we ask for individuals whom we need. I intend to ask for yourself and those who are on your staff who are teaching in the University. Unless you have any objection I will on receipt of your letter make application for you and such others of the staff as fulfil these conditions. You ought to be home early in the summer in order to get ready for the autumn term.

Goldie is not very well yet. The effects of the flu have been with him. Before you get this letter you should have had the one I wrote you last week. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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June 20th, 1919

Colonel H. W. Hendry, C.B.E.,

O.C. No. 1 Canadian General Hospital,

Basingstoke.

My dear Colonel Hendry:

I have not written to you for some time mainly because I did not know what your movements would be, but I have heard that Basingstoke is broken up and that you are to be home soon. When you come you will be welcome.

I am glad to tell you that at a meeting of the Board yesterday you were promoted to become Associate Professor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. This is partly in recognition of your splendid work abroad, and the rest on your own merits. Of course it is only an honorarium that is given for this position, $250 a year.

It must be very tedious for you to be waiting around so long, but I hope that the period will pass quickly. As you may imagine I am this morning very busy, seeing that we are closing up our arrangements for the year, and I am simply sending you this note as a forerunner of your coming home. With kind regards to you and your Assistants.

Yours sincerely,

President.